

STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTY OF HOWARD :
CITY OF BIG SPRING :

The City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, met in a REGULAR MEETING in the City Council Chambers located at 307 E. 4th St., Big Spring, Texas, at 5:30 PM, January 23, 2024, with the following members present in person:

COUNCIL MEMBER GLORIA MCDONALD
COUNCIL MEMBER TROY TOMPKINS
COUNCIL MEMBER CODY HUGHES
MAYOR ROBERT MOORE
MAYOR PRO TEM NICK ORNELAS
COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE YANEZ
COUNCIL MEMBER MAURY SMITH

Same and constituting a quorum, for which four Councilmembers must be present; and the following staff in person;

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney
SHANE BOWLES	Public Works Director
CHAD WILLIAMS	Police Chief
JAY HOLT	Fire Chief
MIKE FEELEY	Airpark Director
SANDY SMITH	Finance Director
HAYLEY LEWIS	Community Services Director
TAMI DAVIS	City Secretary
MANDY HAYNES	Municipal Judge

Open Session

Call to Order

Mayor Moore called the City Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Invocation

Don Smith gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and to the Texas State Flag

Mayor Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and to the Texas State Flag.

Public Comment

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Several citizens spoke on the following items:

Members of the Leadership class were introduced and their class project this year is to fix up Jefferson Park; Concerns over the shortage in the Fire Department; Water leak on 2nd & Nolan; and Street renaming (Schroff Circle).

Announcements, Presentations and Public Hearings

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to open the below listed public hearings, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith
NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING - Regarding a Proposed 2024 Master Parks Plan

Hayley Lewis, Community Services Director, reported that the 2024 Master Parks Plan was available in her office for anyone to review. No comments were made at this time.

Each public hearing listed below regarding the abatements were presented to the Council with an abatement order and pictures. No citizens spoke regarding any of the properties listed.

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 1319 UTAH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL
DESCRIPTION: LT 10 BK 3 WRIGHTS AIRPORT ANNEX (50X130) 550 0.149 ACRES
– OWNER: MARGARET EASTER

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member McDonald to abate the above captioned property (1319 Utah), seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith
NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 506 NE 8TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL
DESCRIPTION: SC 42 BK 32 1N TR 29 WILLIAM B CURRIE 44X140 613 0.141

ACRES ACQ 05272015 – OWNER: RAMON RODRIGUEZ

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas to abate the above captioned property (506 NE 8th), seconded by Council Member McDonald.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith
NAYS: None**

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Abatement of Public Nuisance, at 801 PINE, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SC 26 BK 33 1N 51X280 109.04 ACQ 03292017 BLK/TRACT 33 1N 0.33 ACRES – OWNER: MARIA BURCIAGA

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Yanez to abate the above captioned property (801 Pine), seconded by Council Member Smith.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith
NAYS: None**

MOTION PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Moore to close the above captioned public hearings, seconded by Council Member McDonald.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith
NAYS: None**

MOTION PASSED

City Manager's Report

City Manager's report on the following items:

- Update - Large Item Pickup, District 1
- Update - E-Waste
- Update - Water Line Breaks
- Chamber Banquet - February 1, 2024
- Summit Meeting - February 7, 2024

Todd Darden, City Manager, reported on the above captioned items as follows:
Large item pickup for District 1 picked up 10 tons; e-waste collected 2 tons of electronics; City crews and contractors worked 32 water breaks and thanked the staff and other crews for working on them; Chamber Banquet will be on Thursday, February 1, 2024 and the Summit Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

Report on the Administrative Hearings Held on January 17th, 2024, Concerning Abatement of Premises Nuisance Violations
Andrew Hagen, City Attorney, updated the Council on some public nuisance hearings for accumulated items.

Consent Items

Approval of the City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2024.

Acknowledge Receipt of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2023.

Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 049-2023 Which Adopted the Annual Budget for the City of Big Spring, Texas for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending September 30, 2024 by Increasing the Airpark Fund Budget for the Purpose of the Airpark Department to Assume the Responsibilities of a Full-Service and a Self-Serve Aircraft Fueling Operation; Providing for Severability; Providing for Publication; and Providing an Effective Date

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas to approve the above captioned minutes and ordinance, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez,	7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member	0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith	

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

Vouchers

Vouchers for 12/07/23	\$	506,464.61
Vouchers for 12/15/23	\$	804,868.77
Vouchers for 12/21/23	\$	374,980.37
Drafts	\$	1,614,636.96

Council Member Smith reviewed the above captioned vouchers.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Smith to approve the above captioned vouchers, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith
NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

Vouchers for 01/05/24 \$ 493,194.62
Vouchers for 01/12/24 \$ 684,879.07
Vouchers for 01/18/24 \$ 382,543.44
Drafts \$ 874,124.31

Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas reviewed the above captioned vouchers.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas to approve the above captioned vouchers, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith
NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

Bids

Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding a Bid for a Zero Turn Mower for the Parks and Recreation Department

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Tompkins to award the above captioned bid to South Plains Implement in the amount of \$12,807.88, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith
NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding a Bid for the Asbesto Abatement Project at the Dora Roberts Community Center

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Tompkins to award the above captioned bid to 1 Priority Environmental Services in the amount of \$31,500.00, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith
NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

New Business

First Reading of a Resolution Calling for a General Election to be Held on May 4, 2024 for the Purpose of Electing One Person to Serve as City Council Member for District Two; One Person to Serve as City Council Member for District Four; and One Person to Serve as City Council Member for District Six; Providing for the Conduct of the Election; Designating Several Polling Places Within the City; Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Notice and Have the Notice Posted for the Purpose of Notifying the Public of Said Election; and Providing for Severability

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

First Reading of a Resolution Authorizing Continued Participation with the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor; and Authorizing the Payment of Ten Cents Per Capita to the Steering Committee to Fund Regulatory and Legal Proceedings and Activities Related to Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC; and Providing an Effective Date

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Council Member Smith.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

First Reading of a Resolution Authorizing and Appointing the City Manager to Submit an Application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to Secure Funding for Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Through the Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program; and Providing an Effective Date

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Smith to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

First Reading of an Ordinance Granting to Vero Fiber Networks, LLC, a Colorado Limited Liability Company, a Right-of-Way License to Own, Maintain, Operate, and

Control in Accordance with Regulations Promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission and the Texas Public Utilities Commission, and this Ordinance, a Fiber-Based Telecommunications Network Serving Customers within the Municipal Boundaries of the City and to the Residents and Businesses Located therein Prescribing the Term of Such License and Rights; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances; Providing for a Severability Clause; Finding and Determining that the Meetings at which the Ordinance was Discussed were Open to the Public as Required by Law; and Establishing an Effective Date

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Council Member Smith.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith**

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action of a Joint Election Agreement with Big Spring Independent School District and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Hughes to approve the above captioned agreement, seconded by Council Member Yanez.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez, 7
Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, Council Member 0
Tompkins, Council Member Smith**

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Economic Development Incentive Agreement Between the City of Big Spring and Cap Rock Holdings, LLC, Regarding the Plaza Development Project to Extend the Agreement for 15 Months and Modify the Agreement and Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute any Necessary Documents

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council Member Tompkins to approve the above captioned agreement, seconded by Council Member McDonald.

**YEAS: Mayor Moore, Council Member Hughes, Council Member McDonald, 5
Council Member Tompkins, Council Member Smith 2**

NAYS: Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, Council Member Yanez

MOTION PASSED

Boards and Committees

Consideration and Possible Action on the Below Listed Board Member as Follows:

Convention & Visitors Bureau Board (CVB)
Chavonna Parker - Appointment - Dist. Two

City Council approved and appointed Chavonna Parker to the Convention & Visitors Bureau Board by acclamation.

Council Input

Input

Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas thanked citizens for calling and being patience during the recent water breaks

Council Member Yanez thanked staff for working on the recent water breaks

Council Member Tompkins encouraged citizens to attend the chamber banquet; received a couple of calls regarding loose dogs; asked staff to fix Mr. Parks water leak he mentioned during public comments; and encouraged citizens to run for council

Executive Session

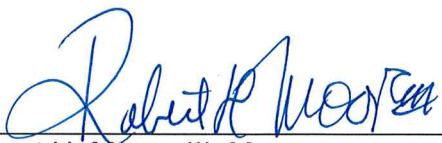
Adjourn into Executive Session in Accordance with the Purposes Permitted by the Open Meeting Act, Section 551.087, Texas Government Code, "Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations; Closed Meeting" to Discuss and Deliberate Economic Development Negotiations

The above scheduled executive session was held in open session. Mr. Darden informed the Council that the City was going to reimburse a \$50,000 incentive agreement to Chick Fil A. Council consented and no action was taken.

Reconvene into Open Session and Take Any Necessary Action on Executive Session Item

Adjourn

Mayor Moore adjourned the council meeting at 6:30 p.m.


Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tami L. Davis, City Secretary